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SUBJECT: TANZANIA LIKELY WILL SUPPORT UNGA RESOLUTIONS ON
HUMAN RIGHTS IN LEBANON UNDER NAM FRAMEWORK

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[11](#). (U) On October 30, Suleman Saleh, Assistant Director of Multilateral Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, told Poloff that while Tanzania may have reservations about the UN General Assembly resolutions sponsored by the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), Tanzania would likely support the resolutions under the NAM framework. Saleh emphasized, however, the Tanzanian Government's view that the United Nations needed to focus on the root cause of the conflict between Israel and Hizballah instead of the conflict's aftermath.

[12](#). (U) In one-on-one, bilateral discussions, Saleh said that Tanzania was far more able to express its individual reservations and views about the complicated topic. He did, however, express what he believed was the main purpose of the NAM resolutions: to highlight what NAM believed to be a "disproportionate reaction by Israel to Hizballah's instigation" and "the disproportionate impact of Israeli bombs on Lebanese civilians."

[13](#). (U) Poloff emphasized the findings of the Human Rights Watch and the UN Human Rights Commission about the suffering of Israeli children and Hizballah's deliberate concealment of weapons within civilian territories. Saleh agreed that it was important to present a balanced view of the suffering on both sides, especially with the goal of preventing further polarization. He also emphasized that Tanzania was ready and willing to listen to the reservations of its friends such as the United States and Israel.
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